

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application number : 09/982,531 Confirmation No.: 8179
Applicant : Astrid VRANG et al.
Filed : October 19, 2001
Title : IMPROVED FERMENTATION METHOD FOR PRODUCTION
OF HETEROLOGOUS GENE PRODUCTS IN LACTIC ACID
BACTERIA
TC/Art Unit : 1636
Examiner: : Nancy T. Vogel
Docket No. : 54320.000011
Customer No. : **25570**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 23, 2006, Applicants petition for a one-month Extension of time to file a response to the Office Action, thereby extending the time for response until **February 23, 2007.** Please charge \$ 60.00, and any other fees required in connection with this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2478.

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